

BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS MEETING
JUNE 4, 2014

Roll Call:

R. Correa	Absent
J. Galligan	Present
D. Kostantakis	Absent
T. Hickey	Present
E. Lohsen	Present
D. Morrell	Present
P. Musse	Present
J. Sansone	Present
G. Tonner	Present
B. Wicker	Present
R. Williams	Absent
Councilman Brophy	Absent
Councilman Hayes	Absent

Co-Chairman Musse called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Co-Chairman Musse announced, “*All requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law have been met for this meeting of the Board of Recreation Commissioners of the Borough of Dumont.*”

- Notices have been transmitted to the newspapers.
- Notice is prominently posted in space provided on the bulletin board of the Borough Hall.
- Notice has been filed with the Borough Clerk.

J. Sansone made a motion to accept the May 2014 minutes. D. Morrell seconded motion to accept minutes. Vote as follows: Kostantakis/NAV, Morrell/yes, Sansone/yes, Tonner/yes, Williams/NAV Alt. #1-Hickey/yes Alt #2-Galligan/yes Motion carried. (*NAV-not available at time of vote)

OPEN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Tony Como, president Senior Baseball would like to extend the light curfew from 10pm till 11pm from July 5th through July 20th at Babe Ruth field so they can try to play two games a night in the Districts and Sectionals. It would not be every night. The commissioners agreed to the request.

Kenny Martarol, Dumont High School Basketball coach would like to start a co-ed summer basketball league at Memorial Park for boys and girls grades 5 to 11 from July 1st through August 14th. They’d meet two days a week from 6pm to 9pm and use two courts. Registration would be \$50. He asked if any extra money that didn’t go for uniforms could be donated to the DHS Basketball program.

D. Morrell made a motion to approve the formation of a co-ed Summer Basketball league under the direction of Kenny Martarol. G. Tonner seconded motion. Vote as follows: Kostantakis/NAV, Morrell/yes, Sansone/yes, Tonner/yes, Williams/NAV Alt. #1-Hickey/yes Alt #2-Galligan/yes Motion carried. (*NAV-not available at time of vote)

Scott Williams, representing Girls Softball

- Asked for Recreation's approval of the 17U team participating in two tournaments in July and August. He said John Perkins approved it as long as it's under Recreation's umbrella.
- Suggested the installation of a 6 foot fence at the dugout at Twin Boro Field.
- Asked if it's a requirement that a player be on the Recreation team in order to participate in a Travel Team. Was told to consult the Dumont Girls Softball bylaws.

D. Morrell made a motion to approve the participation of the 17U team in two summer tournaments. J. Galligan seconded motion. Vote as follows: Kostantakis/NAV, Morrell/yes, Sansone/yes, Tonner/yes, Williams/NAV Alt. #1-Hickey/yes Alt #2-Galligan/yes Motion carried. (*NAV-not available at time of vote)

Carl Brugger, resident, would like to form a Fishing Club for kids. He has all the equipment since the fishing camp he ran closed. He proposed having parents take their kids to local places where even the youngest will catch fish. Could be year-round, could involve trips, including ice fishing. Commissioners discussed needing borough approval and legal clearance. Discussed starting out small with a clinic and tournament in September or October at Coopers Pond. Will find out when Bergenfield stocks it.

G. Tonner made a motion to suspend the Open Public portion of the meeting at this time. J. Galligan seconded motion. Vote as follows: Kostantakis/NAV, Morrell/yes, Sansone/yes, Tonner/yes, Williams/NAV Alt. #1-Hickey/yes Alt #2-Galligan/yes Motion carried. (*NAV-not available at time of vote)

CORRESPONDENCE

E. Lohsen received an email asking the commissioners to file their Financial Disclosures online by June 13th.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

No council liaison report at this time.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No chairman's report at this time.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

- All bills that have been submitted have been paid.
- Handled the Competition Cheerleading bill that was handed in late.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Permits at Memorial Park: The commissioners agreed to ask DPW to make signs for the Grills—Use by Permit Only—Recreation Department.

Men's Baseball: Noted that we haven't received a check from them. J. Galligan will research Green Acres policies on charging for field use.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

J. GALLIGAN

Celebrations: No report.

Football Cheering: No report.

G. Tonner made a motion to open the public portion of the meeting, D. Morrell seconded. All in favor.

Eagle Scout Project Proposal: Matt Smith, member of Boy Scout Troop 135, under Captain Mike Conner's direction, would like to restore and possibly replace the leaking roof of the soccer hut at Memorial Park starting in the fall over two weekends. Would be covered under BSA insurance. Adult volunteers will assist. Would also like to replace the blue siding on Gail's Place with siding in a neutral tone to go with the park aesthetics.

Commissioners made the following suggestions:

- Ask Tim Downing where the leaks and soft spots are.
- Get a professional estimate of work that needs to be done.

*J. Galligan made a motion to approve Matt Smith's Eagle Scout Project to fix the Soccer Hut roof and possibly re-side Gail's Place. G. Tonner seconded motion. Vote as follows: Kostantakis/NAV, Morrell/yes, Sansone/yes, Tonner/yes, Williams/NAV Alt. #1-Hickey/yes Alt #2-Galligan/yes Motion carried. (*NAV-not available at time of vote)*

*J. Sansone made a motion to close the Open Public portion of the meeting at this time. G. Tonner seconded motion. Vote as follows: Kostantakis/NAV, Morrell/yes, Sansone/yes, Tonner/yes, Williams/NAV Alt. #1-Hickey/yes Alt #2-Galligan/yes Motion carried. (*NAV-not available at time of vote)*

T. HICKEY

Competition Cheerleading: Added another sign-up June 9th.

Fundraising:

Monmouth Park Trip: Going there June 5th to discuss. Will ask for August 10th, 17th or 24th.

Blue Fish Trip: Could charge \$60 and make \$30. Details to come.

D. KOSTANTAKIS

Girls Basketball: Report handed in, but not given.

Women's Softball: No report.

Rec Wrestling: Report handed in, but not given.

Men's Softball: Report handed in, but not given.

D. MORRELL

Junior Football: Sean Lissemore Clinic will be held at the high school field June 28th. Flyer will be sent to Board of Ed for approval for distribution to the schools. G. Tonner suggested buying water at Costco. Will get ice from the Knights of Columbus.

Flag Football: No report.

P. MUSSE

Rec Boys Basketball: No report.

Senior Baseball: No report.

Garden at Grant: Hasn't started yet. Will buy from Willow Run or Lupardi's in Closter.

Certification: No report.

J. SANSONE

Soccer: No report.

Roller Hockey: No report.

Little League: Will ask if the food Girls Softball bought for the tournament that was later canceled can be sold to Little League or donated to the Knights.

- Little League will run a travel league. Questions were raised about whether they're under Rec insurance. J. Sansone will email E. Lohsen with information.

G. TONNER

Girls Volleyball Clinic: Completed clinic and had party.

Parks & Playgrounds: No report.

Summer Recreation:

- D. Morrell, P. Musse, E. Lohsen and camp director Marc Ferrara interviewed 32 candidates for counselor positions. They recommended hiring 10 which would include four art “specialists”, commissioners discussed how many to hire.
- There are 46 returning counselors and 386 campers registered—expect more will sign up before the June 13th deadline.

Discussion among the commissioners resulted in the following decisions and suggestions:

- Decided no new hires with the present numbers.
- Considered finding adult art specialists to come in three times during the camp season and paying them \$100 each time.
- Discussed cell phone abuse policy--if a counselor is caught using a cell phone, they get a warning—three warnings could result in termination.
- Decided the mandatory Counselor Orientation will take place Monday, June 16th at 6:30pm in the court room. [In the interim, date was changed to Thursday, June 19th.]
- Briefly discussed doing background checks for counselors 18 and over instead of fingerprinting. G. Tonner said we’d already agreed on fingerprinting.
- G. Tonner will check the Rec Office scanner to accommodate the camper registration scanning.
- Discussed having a police officer direct traffic at the Swim Club on Mondays for drop-offs and pickups due to the Hockey Rink remaining up.
- Discussed safety concerns about allowing the youngest children to go to the pool.

J. Galligan made a motion to not allow children going into kindergarten and first grade to go to the pool for safety reasons. D. Morrell seconded. Vote as follows: Kostantakis/NAV, Morrell/yes, Sansone/yes, Tonner/no, Williams/NAV Alt. #1-Hickey/yes Alt #2-Galligan/yes Motion carried. (*NAV-not available at time of vote)

R. WILLIAMS

Girls Softball: Report handed in, but not given.

Board of Education: No report.

New Programs: No report.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

ADJOURNMENT

D. Morrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:00 pm G. Tonner seconded motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted
Ellen Lohsen
6/14/14